



DHS- FINANCIAL COORDINATOR

CHARACTERISTICS OF WORK:

This is administrative/managerial work involving the responsibility for the operation of various accounting systems. The incumbent is responsible for supervising such functions as payroll systems, general accounting, and sub contract accounting. The work involves direct responsibility for the preparation and presentation of financial reporting documents, receipts, and disbursement. Supervision is received from and administrative superior.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

These minimum qualifications have been agreed upon by Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) in this job class and are based upon a job analysis and the essential functions. However, if a candidate believes he/she is qualified for the job although he/she does not have the minimum qualifications set forth below, he/she may request special consideration through substitution of related education and experience, demonstrating the ability to perform the essential functions of the position. Any request to substitute related education or experience for minimum qualifications must be addressed to the State Personnel Board in writing, identifying the related education and experience which demonstrates the candidate's ability to perform all essential functions of the position.

EXPERIENCE/EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS:

Education:

A Master's Degree from an accredited four-year college or university in finance, accounting, statistics, business administration, or directly related field;

AND

Experience:

Four (4) years of experience in auditing and/or accounting work.

OR

Education:

A Bachelor's Degree from an accredited four-year college or university in finance, accounting, statistics, business administration, or directly related field;

AND

Experience:

Five (5) years of experience in auditing and/or accounting work.

Substitution Statement:

Licensed as a Certified Public Accountant by the Mississippi State Board of Public Accountants may be substituted for two (2) years of the required experience. Certification by the Institute of Internal Auditors as Certified Internal Auditor may be substituted for one (1) year of the required experience.

Required Document:

Applicant must attach a copy of his/her license as a Certified Public Accountant or certification as a Certified Internal Auditor, when applicable.

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS:

These physical requirements are not exhaustive, and additional job related physical requirements may be added to these by individual agencies on an as needed basis. Corrective devices may be used to meet physical requirements. These are typical requirements; however, reasonable accommodations may be possible.

Light Work: May frequently walk or stand and/or frequently exert force equivalent to lifting up to approximately 10 pounds and/or occasionally exert force equivalent to lifting up to approximately 20 pounds.

Vision: Requires the ability to perceive the nature of objects by the eye.

Near Acuity: Clarity of vision at 20 inches or less.

Midrange: Clarity of vision at distances of more than 20 inches and less than 20 feet.

Peripheral: Ability to observe an area that can be seen up and down or to the left and right while eyes are fixed at a given point.

Ability to adjust focus: Ability to adjust the eye to bring an object into sharp focus.

Color: Ability to identify and distinguish colors.

Speaking/Hearing: Possesses the ability to give and receive information through speaking and listening skills.

Motor Coordination: While performing the duties of the job, the incumbent is regularly required to sit; use hands to finger, handle or feel objects, tools, or controls. While performing the duties of the job, the incumbent is frequently required to stand; walk; reach with hands and arms. While performing the duties of the job, the incumbent is occasionally required to stoop, kneel, crouch, or bend.

COMPETENCIES:

The following competencies describe the knowledge, skills, abilities, and attributes that lead to a successful employee in this position. An applicant will be expected to exhibit these competencies or the ability to reach competency achievement within a specified time. These competencies are linked to the essential functions of the job. Employees in this position may be evaluated on these competencies as part of the performance appraisal system. Example behaviors are listed below each competency and are used for illustrative purposes only. Specific behaviors may be identified and included later by the hiring agency. It is understood that some of these behaviors might not be acquired until a reasonable time after hire. Failure of an employee to successfully demonstrate some or all of these competencies, as deemed important by his or her reporting official, may result in the employee being placed on a performance improvement plan. If after a reasonable period of time, usually three (3) months, the employee fails to demonstrate successful performance, the employee may be terminated. These competencies include, but are not limited to, the following:

PUBLIC SECTOR COMPETENCIES:

Integrity and Honesty: Demonstrates a sense of responsibility and commitment to the public trust through statements and actions.

Models and demonstrates high standards of integrity, trust, openness, and respect for others.

Demonstrates integrity by honoring commitments and promises. Demonstrates integrity by maintaining necessary confidentiality.

Work Ethic: Is productive, diligent, conscientious, timely, and loyal.

Conscientiously abides by the rules, regulations, and procedures governing work.

Service Orientation: Demonstrates a commitment to quality public service through statements and actions.

Seeks to understand and meets and/or exceeds the needs and expectations of customers. Treats customers with respect, responding to requests in a professional manner, even in difficult circumstances. Provides accurate and timely service. Develops positive relationships with customers.

Accountability: Accepts responsibility for actions and results.

Is productive and carries fair share of the workload. Focuses on quality and expends the necessary time and effort to achieve goals. Demonstrates loyalty to the job and the agency and is a good steward of state assets. Steadfastly persists in overcoming obstacles and pushes self for results. Maintains necessary attention to detail to achieve high level performance. Deals effectively with pressure and recovers quickly from setbacks. Takes ownership of tasks, performance standards, and mistakes. Has knowledge of how to perform one's job. Knows the organization's mission and functions and how it fits into state government.

Self Management Skills: Effectively manages emotions and impulses and maintains a positive attitude.

Encourages and facilitates cooperation, pride, trust, and group identity; fosters commitment and team spirit; works effectively and cooperatively with others to achieve goals. Treats all people with respect, courtesy, and consideration. Communicates effectively. Remains open to new ideas and approaches. Avoids conflicts of interest. Promotes cooperation and teamwork.

Interpersonal Skills: Shows understanding, courtesy, tact, empathy, and concern to develop and maintain relationships.

Demonstrates cross cultural sensitivity and understanding. Identifies and seeks to solve problems and prevent or resolve conflict situations. Encourages others through positive reinforcement.

Communication Skills: Receives, attends to, interprets, and responds to verbal messages and expresses information to individuals or groups effectively.

Receives other cues such as body language in ways that are appropriate to listeners and situations. Takes into account the audience and nature of the information; listens to others, attends to nonverbal cues, and responds appropriately. May make oral presentations. Communicates ideas, suggestions and concerns, as well as outcomes and progress throughout the process of an activity. Provides thorough and accurate information.

Self-Development: Adapts behavior or work methods in response to new information, changing conditions, or unexpected obstacles.

Seeks efficient learning techniques to acquire and apply new knowledge and skills; uses training, feedback, or other opportunities for self-learning and development. Develops and enhances skills to adapt to changing organizational needs. Remains open to change and new information and ideas.

TECHNICAL COMPETENCIES:

Communication Skills: Shares information in writing or verbally.

Concisely and correctly answers questions and/or advises, explains or conveys information to internal/external customers and other professionals. Asks appropriate questions to gain information to accurately account for transactions and to resolve pertinent issues. Participates effectively in meetings, seminars, and training sessions. Presents written and oral information using proper grammar, punctuation, and content. Appropriately documents information using tools such as: journal entries, work papers, letters, e-mails, reports, memoranda, etc. Exercises professional courtesy in all communications.

Workflow Management: The ability and willingness to perform work within defined specifications and time lines and to manage conflicting priorities.

Schedules and manages workload to assist in achievement of desired goals. Effectively utilizes agency assets such as work time, computer equipment, supplies, etc. Resolves all tasks timely and accurately. Exercises appropriate level of professional skepticism based on information obtained. Adapts to a variety of situations and surroundings. Pays close attention to details and has the ability to work in a multi-task environment.

Functional Capability: Possesses or is capable for developing the specific knowledge and technical abilities to succeed in the specified position.

Possesses knowledge of proper accounting/auditing procedures such as accounts payable and related areas, financial entry preparation, fund accounting, and account reconciliations. Exercises an analytical thinking process.

Professional Maturity: Possesses the capacities and aptitudes acquired by means of personal or professional experience, which enable functions to be fulfilled, and enables the incumbent to deal with situations in the workplace in a professional manner.

Able to assess the situation and appropriately respond. Exhibits the appropriate degree of confidence, assertion, tolerance, patience, and empathy. Knows when to refer an issue to the appropriate level of management. Complies with agency standards. Responds appropriately to supervision and administrative decisions. Exhibits positive, influential attitude and work ethic among peers within work unit. Takes initiative to accomplish goals. Maintains appropriate standards of confidentiality.

Financial Administration: Is responsible for financial aspects of the agency such as budget, payroll, accounts payable, and/or maintenance of the agency accounting system.

Supervises personnel associated the operation of various accounting systems, the preparation and presentation of financial reporting documents, receipts, and disbursements. Maintains direct supervision of accounting procedures. Coordinates the flow of work within the financial section and its relation to other divisions. Is responsible for payroll systems, general accounting, and subcontract accounting.

Technical: Is proficient in operating technical equipment in performing duties of the job.

Uses computer software to complete assigned tasks, meet agency goals, and produce required results. Possesses knowledge of Microsoft and other software products including but not limited to the following: Windows, word processing and spreadsheet applications, Internet applications, auxiliary systems, and general ledger software.

Mentoring and Training: The ability and willingness to take an active role in advising and guiding staff in the performance of work.

Mentors or otherwise assists co-workers as assigned helping them to improve their knowledge, skills, and abilities. Develops co-workers' skills and encourages growth. Facilitates co-worker learning. Fosters a positive attitude. Participates in job training programs (On the Job Training). Shares knowledge and wisdom with less experienced employees.

MANAGEMENT COMPETENCIES:

Emotional Maturity: Conducts oneself in a professional, consistent manner when representing the organization.

Has the ability to work through adversity and hold self and others accountable for work actions. Takes risk appropriate to ones level of responsibility. Acts as a settling influence in a crisis. Exhibits the ability to work through challenges and create opportunities.

Macro Oriented: Exercises good judgment, makes sound, well-informed decisions.

Understands and appropriately applies procedures, requirements, and regulations related to specialized areas of expertise. Understands effects of decisions on the organization and on other organizations. Acts as a change agent by initiating and supporting change within the agency.

Working Through Others: Supports, motivates, and is an advocate for staff.

Creates effective teams; shows a willingness to get work done through others. Clearly and comfortably delegates work, trusting and empowering others to perform. Reinforces and rewards team efforts and positive behaviors. Is fair, yet firm with others. Monitors workloads and provides feedback.

Results Oriented: Plans effectively to achieve or exceed goals, sets and meets deadlines.

Identifies, analyzes, and solves problems. Develops standards of performance and knows what and how to measure.

Resource Management: Acquires, effectively and efficiently administers, and allocates human, financial, material, and information resources.

Demonstrates ability to plan, prioritize, and organize.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:

Additional essential functions may be identified and included by the hiring agency. The essential functions include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Manages/supervises people in assigned work unit.
2. Responsible for financial aspects of the agency such as budget, payroll, accounts payable, and/or maintenance of the agency accounting system.

EXAMPLES OF WORK:

Examples of work performed in this classification include, but are not limited to, the following:

Supervises personnel associated with payroll systems, general accounting, and sub contract accounting.

Maintains direct supervision of the accounting procedures utilized in the control of operations.

Directs, through subordinate personnel, the accounting operations by payrolls, sub contract accounting, and general accounting.

Maintains continuous review of accounting procedures to comply with new legislation and changing programs, policies, and regulations.

Supervises the preparation of departmental financial reports for state and federal regulatory agencies as well as for intra-agency purposes in accounting principles (GAAP).

Supervises, through subordinate personnel, the inspection/monitoring procedures and practices.

Coordinates the flow of work within the financial section and its relation to other divisions.

Performs related or similar duties as required or assigned.

INTERVIEW REQUIREMENTS:

Any candidate who is called to an agency for an interview must notify the interviewing agency in writing of any reasonable accommodation needed prior to the date of the interview.